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April 16, 1971

Mr. Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Helms,

The road to hell is paved with good intentions. The mere existence of your agency is a sign of the decadence of the democratic ideals of the United States. Your protestations of honesty while engaged in clandestine and dishonest activities are hilarious. The heads of all the spy networks of all the countries of history have protested their devotion to causes and sovereigns they considered right. Obviously you will not heed, nor probably even read this letter, but I did have to respond to the specious reasoning of your speech of this week.



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Remarks: <p>Mr. Helms dictated this suggested reply for your signature:</p> <p>[REDACTED] The Director has read your letter of April 16 and has asked me to acknowledge it.</p> <p>"Herewith is a copy of the address which the Director gave at the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He realizes that you will probably not agree with what he had to say, but at least you will have had an opportunity to read in fuller detail what was in the press. Sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			
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